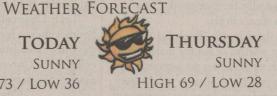
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Aggies lose 25th straight to Lady Raiders in Lubbock as Tech women hope to rebound from slow nonconference start.

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'Hostel' director Eli Roth sits down to talk.

### STATE

### Two teens arrested after ambulance stolen

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — A 17year-old was arraigned on theft charges and a 16-year-old was turned over to juvenile authorities Monday after they were caught running from an ambulance that had been stolen outside a Grand Prairie home.

The ambulance's crew was inside the home tending to a patient in a nonemergency case, said Cynthia Wentworth, a spokeswoman for American Medical Response, which owns the ambulance.

When they came outside early Monday, the ambulance was gone.

Officials used a global positioning device to track the ambulance, which was spotted about 18 miles away in Grapevine.

The two teenagers tried to run, but they didn't get very far, police said.

"One couldn't run very well because his pants were too low," Sgt. Todd Dearing, a Grapevine police spokesman, said in Monday's online edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "He was having to hold his pants up with one hand."

Dedrick Tarrant, 17, was taken to Grapevine jail where he was held on a charge of theft between \$100,000 and \$200,000, a second-degree felony, and evading arrest.

# NATION

### Southern states lose more rain to Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Tuesday was the 23rd consecutive day of measurable rain as Seattle nears a record notable even in this city famous for its wet, gray weather.

The ground is so saturated that mudslides on Tuesday halted Amtrak service, blocked part of a major highway and chased residents out of a University of Washington fraternity annex in Seattle. No injuries were reported.

With more rain forecast over the next several days, Seattle could break a record set in 1953. The city saw 33 days in a row of measurable precipitation then - the most since the National Weather Service office started tracking rainfall here in 1931.

"Usually we have a few days of rain and one or two days of cloudy and dreary days and then it rains again, and that's the way it goes," weather service meteorologist Johnny Burg said Monday. "We're not getting our dry days in between."

# WORLD

### Aussie recites first 4,400 digits of Pi

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — For Chris

Lyons, reciting a 4,400 digit number was as easy as Pi. Lyons, 36, recited the first 4,400

digits of Pi - a mathematical value that has an infinite number of decimal places — without a single error at the 2006 Mindsports Australia Festival, organizer David Cordover said Tuesday.

Cordover said Lyons, a memory coach from Melbourne, took 2 1/2 hours to complete the feat. Lyons said he spent just one week

memorizing the digits before reciting them for judges at the festival Monday. "With the right techniques and a bit

of practice you can remember whatever you want," he said. His accomplishment is far from a

record

In July, a Japanese psychiatric counselor recited Pi to 83,431 decimal places from memory, breaking his own personal best of 54,000 digits and setting an unofficial world record, according to media reports.

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# Ex-Tech students nabbed for financial aid fraud

Third-party companies join iPod's fashion

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Ten former Texas Tech students including Rojelio Hernandez have been named in connection with a Pell Grant theft ring.

In February of 2004, Tech officials identified a case of fraud involving federal financial aid.

According to court documents filed in the U.S. District Court of North Texas, Hernandez worked at the Tech Financial Aid Office from from the U.S. Department of Education. 1998 to 2000.

three other students to serve as what the court ments to a federal agency. documents refer to as "go-betweeners." The

Gabriela Vazquez.

The "go-betweeners" recruited at least six Justin Sitz. other people to knowingly give up personal information. The information was given to Hernandez who falsified Federal Grant received, the money was split among the

Approximately \$123,000 was defrauded

The six students recruited to help Her-

All 10 former students pleaded guilty to

So far Moretti is the only person sen-\$5,000 in restitution.

Because the theft is still under investigation, the U.S Inspector General's Office, the should feel safe when using financial aid. Hernandez, Martinez, Tysitee and Vazquez Department of Education, Tech and attor-During that time Hernandez recruited have been charged with making false state-neys for the former students have all declined comment to The Daily Toreador.

In a prepared statement to the media,

three "go-betweeners" named in the case are nandez and the "go-betweeners" are Na- Stephanie Hays Anderson, the Tech associate Vicente Garcia Martinez, John Tsyitee and thaniel Beckman, Bryan Hudspeth, Abby vice president for enrollment management, Mathison, John Moretti, James Sitz and said the incident is not a reflection of the

"We want to assure our students and those who are contemplating entering Texas Tech that this case has had no impact on Application Forms. Once the grants were tenced in the case. Moretti received two the amount of aid available to past, present years probation and has been ordered to pay or future students," Anderson said in the

Anderson said in the statement students

"We also want to reassure the public that we have incorporated safeguards to help protect the financial aid system from possible fraud in the future," she said.

By JEREMY REYNOLDS FEAUTRES WRITER

t seems the days of mesh tank-topped men walking around with boom boxes the size of a PC on their shoulders have washed away, and now have been replaced by an MTV generation sporting digital music players the size of key chains.

Jennifer Bruse, vice president for the Texas Tech Fashion Board, said the iPod has gone from a music center to an image

"I show mine off at the Rec," Bruse said. "Everybody can see my hot pink iPod when I work out."

Some people might say that fashion sets the trends, but in the case of Apple Computers' MP3 player, the technology has set the trend

Typically, the runways in Milan and Paris are reserved for clothing that is traditionally held for Oscar-caliber events and platinum-card caliber women. But since Steve Jobs, owner of Apple Computers, rolled out the iPod and sent the Walkman packing, the fashion runways have been filled with women showing off \$1,500 purses with an iPod holder, such as the one designed by Fendi.

Currently, Gucci is sporting a \$500 iPod case on sale at the various store locations including the one in Dallas, and Bruse said

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MENU DA VID JOHNSON/Photo Illu

# Doctors strive to identify body found at lake

By PAUL ROBERTS

Medical examiners are closer to matching an identity to the remains of a body found more than two weeks ago near Buffalo Springs Lake, Dr. Sridhar Natarajan said at a press conference Monday.

Natarajan, chief medical examiner of Lubbock County, said the county has everything needed to eventually identify the victim.

"After thoroughly cleansing the bones, we were able to obtain dark hair strands from the scalp and eyebrow," Natarajan said. "We plan to use this scalp hair along with their teeth to obtain DNA strands."

After the DNA testing, they will check the National Missing Persons Database for DNA matches, he said. Natarajan said he believes the death was

due to a brutal incident because of the condition of the remains.

Capt. Kevin Overstreet of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department said the cause of death was a traumatic injury.

Natarajan said the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department was able to gather 90 percent of the body for an autopsy.

"The body was estimated to have gone unnoticed anywhere from six months to two years," Natarajan said. "During this time, the body decomposed, which makes the investigation even more difficult."

Officials are not able to tell if the victim was killed at the location near Buffalo Springs Lake or elsewhere. However, Natarajan said he believes violence played a part in the death of the victim.

He said the victim was a young male, ranging in age from 12 to 19.

"We were able to use the pelvis bone and skull to determine an estimate of his age," Natarajan said.

He said determining the gender of the victim was complicated because of how young he was. The features of the victim's bones were not as distinguished as an older male.

"The individual's height ranged from

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# Sheriff's department investigating link between suitcase murder, missing woman

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock County Sheriff's Department continues investigat-May 4, 2004, said Sheriff David to reports. Gutierrez.

guez is accused of killing Summer Lubbock police officer was being Baldwin in September, then plac- interrogated on the stand, and ing her remains in a suitcase and mentioned a link between Rogers dumping it at a landfill north of and Rodriguez through each oth-Lubbock, according to reports.

Captain Kevin Overstreet of the Sheriff's Department said Rodriguez and Rogers were linked through each other's computer.

Overstreet said all he can share is there is evidence that Rodriguez's computer is linked to Rogers' computer in some way.

The link between Rodriguez ing the link between Rosendo and Rogers went public during Rodriguez III and Joanna Rog- Rodriguez's bond reduction hearers, who has been missing since ing in late December, according

Gutierrez said during Rodri-Twenty-five-year-old Rodri- guez's bond reduction hearing, a ers' computers. "With the case still open, lots

> of information needs to remain RODRIGUEZ continued on Page 6

# Perry begins campaign trail in Lubbock

iPods were

sold during

the holiday

quarter, three

times more

than the 2004

holiday season

By BRITTANY BARRIENTOS

Rick Perry believes Lubbock is in fact the Giant Side of Texas, or so it seems as he chose Lubbock to officially kick of his gubernatorial reelection campaign Tuesday morning at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Perry addressed a crowd of about 100 supporters who were holding up signs with phrases like "Lubbock is Perry Country," wearing Perry 2006 stickers and carrying yard signs.

"Our work is not done; not by a long shot," he told the crowd. Perry continued on his "I'm proud

of Texas" campaign by adding that he is blessed with three things.

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BRITTANY BARRIENTOS/The Daily Toreador

GOV. PERRY BEGAN his re-election campaign in Lubbock Tuesday on the campus of Texas Tech where he also distributed campaign buttons and stickers to supporters.

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# GOT contract? University officials hopeful for success of new program

Graduate on Time could elude to students saving time, money

By MICHAEL CARDELL STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech plans to help students graduate quicker and spend less money by offering a Graduate-on-Time contract to freshmen.

tract is an agreement between the student and the university to take a full course load of 15 to 16 hours a semester and finish their degree within four to five years depending on won't know until we see whether or not the students who the students major.

Tech President Jon Whitmore said the contract puts pressure on the university's side to advise students correctly graduate on time that apply to all students, not just students and help them graduate in a timely manner.

"The program is designed to help students graduate in four years, maybe four and a half maybe five, depending on pass. Every student is allowed four withdrawals throughout their major," he said. "It's one of the methods for saving their time at Tech, and once a student uses those four withmoney. Students won't have to pay for an extra year of food, housing and tuition."

He said it is Tech's obligation to ensure it provides all the classes the students need in the right sequence and time, or are taking," Nash said. "It will make them realize, 'This is the offer an appropriate substitute.

Student Government Association President Nathan Nash said the average time it takes a student to graduate are not as many empty class spots toward the end of the from Tech is five and a half years, according to a study done in Fall 2004.

time up to pre-registering for their sophomore year.

"It is in all the students' best interests to sign the GOT contract," Nash said. "It doesn't hurt them in anyway because there is no penalty for breaking the contract."

He said if the administration is unable to offer a class, and the student has kept up their end of the agreement, Tech good to parents of prospective students and has helped would do everything in its power to open the class needed.

However, Nash said, if the administration cannot produce the class, it will provide either a substitute class, an and the students far less due to a quicker graduation," Nash exemption or not charge the student institutional tuition said. or course fees for the extra time spent in school.

Nash said signing the contract is cost saving in the students can talk to their academic advisers.

According to the Web site, the projected savings for

a student graduating in four years as compared to five and a half years is \$54,755, because of tuition costs and loss of wages for that time.

Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Jim Brink said 20 percent of freshmen in 2004 signed the contract.

"It gives students a chance to get a couple of semesters un-According to the Graduate-on-Time Web site, the conder their belt and find out what they want to do," he said.

However, the results are not in yet. "The proof will be in the end result," Brink said. "We just

signed the contract graduate when they are supposed to." Nash said there are policies in place to help'student

who signed the contract. He said students no longer could receive a withdrawal

drawals, he no longer can drop a class past the add/drop "I think it will make students commit to the classes they

course I have to take, and I have to pass it this semester." He said the withdrawal policy would make it so there

"When a student drops the class past the add/drop date, He said freshmen students could sign the contract any that seat can no longer be refilled by another student who needed to take the course, but couldn't because it was full,"

Nash said. "When everybody drops halfway through the year, it leaves empty seats and more people trying to take the course the following semester." Nash said everything the administration is doing looks

"It looks good academically and will cost the parents

For information about the Graduate-on-Time contract,

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### **NEWS**

# While you were out

to update these stories as more information becomes available.

Campus

Tech Professor Emeritus Richard "Chip" Peterson announced he would run for the 19th Congressional District as a Libertarian.

System. See story Page 3.

City

A skull was found near Buffalo thought to be that of missing teen medical examiner, the body was determined to be that of a teenage male. See story Page 1.

Matt Powell was appointed and was sworn in by his predecessor District Judge Bill Sowder. Powell will face Tommy Turner in the Republican primary in March.

Dolls, lost an appeal to gain a perdays to shut down the sexually is in question. oriented part of the business, but mixed drinks.

Former Patterson-UTI Chief Financial Officer Jonathan Nelson pleaded not guilty to fraud charges totaling more than \$70 million. He is accused of falsifying financial from the Snyder-based company. His wife has asked to keep \$4 millegitimate.

not seek to return to his position stamp to add on to their mail. after stepping down when he was

Many events occurred both lo- ic laws. A Texas court denied DeLay's Schwarzenegger denied him a cally and around the nation while request to dismiss the charges. DeLay last-minute clemency request. Wil-Texas Tech was on winter break. told media outlets this was not an liams was convicted of killing four The Daily Toreador will continue admission of guilt and plans to run people before his "redemption" for re-election. Representatives Roy when he began writing children's Blunt and John Boehner have put books and was nominated for the their names in the race to be DeLay's replacement.

and Oklahoma, and statewide burn New Year's Rockin' Eve. He and bans were put into effect. The fires co-host Ryan Seacrest counted Tech Chancellor Dr. David claimed hundreds of thousands of down as the ball dropped over Smith withdrew his name from the acres and more than 100 homes Times Square in New York City. top three candidates for the chan-statewide. Texas ended 2005 with a cellor of the University of Georgia precipitation deficit between 15 and Act for one month. 20 inches in most areas. See related story Page 5.

Springs Lake and was originally Strayhorn entered the Texas gubernatorial race as an Independent Joanna Rogers. When taken to the instead of a Republican as she had previously stated. See related story

### National

Lubbock criminal district attorney mine left 13 coal miners trapped in 2005 for 41 hours, during which family members were misinformed that 12 of the 13 men were alive. It was later revealed that only one miner, Lubbock's only strip club, Baby Randal McCloy Jr., survived the ex- on Jan. 4. Sharon was weaned plosion. McCloy's doctors said they off anesthesia and began breathmit to operate a sexually oriented are "guardedly optimistic" about his ing on his own Monday. He was business. The owner was given five condition, but his full recovery still scheduled to run for re-election in

will remain open as a bar that serves was hospitalized with shortness of on the ballot is unlikely. Power breath early Monday morning. He was released shortly after doctors his top deputy shortly after Sharon pinpointed the problem as a reac- entered a Jerusalem hospital. tion to a foot medication Cheney was taking.

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports and committing wire fraud began confirmation hearings for Judge Samuel Alito Monday. If confirmed, Alito would replace swing-voter Sanlion that her attorney claims are dra Day O'Connor, which prompted Democrats to threaten a filibuster.

The price of stamps went from 37 Former House Majority Leader to 39 cents, bringing crowds around Tom DeLay announced he would the nation out to buy the new 2-cent

Former gang leader Stanley indicted in Austin on criminal "Tookie" Williams was put to death charges of conspiracy to violate eth- Dec. 13 after California Gov. Arnold killed in Iraq.

Nobel Peace Prize.

Dick Clark made his return Wildfires raged across Texas to network TV with his legendary

Congress extended the Patriot

New York transit workers went on a three-day strike, causing New State Comptroller Carole Keeton Yorkers including Mayor Michael Bloomberg, to walk to work. The strike was deemed illegal.

Time magazine named Bill and Melinda Gates, and Bono as its Persons of the Year for the time, donations and charitable work An explosion in a West Virginia they did during natural disasters

### International

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered what doctors referred to as a "massive stroke" March, but doctors have reported Vice President Dick Cheney to the media, Sharon's presence was transferred from Sharon to

> The roof of an ice skating rink collapsed in Germany killing 15

The bird flu continued to spread across the world, as five more people were infected with the H5N1 virus in Turkey. That brings the number of confirmed human bird flu cases in Turkey to 15. The World Health Organization calculates the cumulative total of confirmed human cases of bird flu at 146 people since 2003.

Seventy-nine troops were



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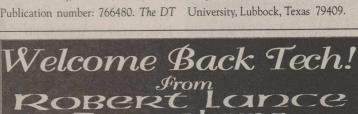
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# Rhode Island becomes latest state to legalize medicinal marijuana

By DANIELLE NOVY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Winter may be far from over, of the ruling. but Rhode Island is already starting to see green; it recently became care should be separated, the 11th state to legalize medicinal Armentano said.

The Ocean State's decision came a role in healthcare," he about six months after the U.S. Su- said. "Yet, in this case they preme Court's June ruling that those do. Unfortunately, because who use the drug, even for medical it is marijuana, it's held purposes, still can be prosecuted up to a different standard under federal law.

Joining the ranks of California of medicine)." and Colorado, Rhode Island now allows marijuana to be both grown the federal ruling that prohibits and used for medicinal purposes.

AIDS and cancer to purchase up to to have a deep impact. 2.5 ounces or grow up to 12 plants tion card.

Paul Armentano, the senior of medicinal marijuana aligns with locally." the wishes of the public.

Politics and the issue of health-

"Politics shouldn't play (than most other varieties

Armentano said despite medical marijuana across the nation, State law now allows patients state laws similar to those adapted by being treated for illnesses such as Rhode Island generally have proved

Armentano said state laws proof marijuana after registering with vided adequate protection to the

"Less than one percent of the policy analyst for the National Orga- annual arrests for possession of Lone Star State would likely ponder the nation, visit National Organizanization for the Reform of Marijuana marijuana are done federally," he the issue in coming years. Laws, said Rhode Island's legalization said. "Instead, they are often done

Armentano said figures such as a lot of success in moving the issue.

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"It is an indication that at least this provided support for the notion My assumption is that the bill will some states' politicians have caught that the new state law would have be reintroduced and be a subject of up with the wills of voters," he said an effect upon the Rhode Island debate for the Texas Legislature."

prescribe marijuana as a the issue. treatment under federal of the state's medicinal time soon. marijuana applications. The

state. now secured on a new horizon of with the state legalizing medicinal reform, Armentano said other states marijuana because she believes have been emerging into various the legislators who pushed the bill stages of the marijuana debate.

the state and gaining an identifica- patients using hemp as a form of Mexico have bills pending," he their decision.

"Texas had a bill that was considered last year," he said. "It hasn't had

Armentano said he suspected Despite the ruling, doctors are 2007 might prove to be a pivotal still not permitted to legally year for multiple states to address

Nikki Hannemann, a sophomore law. In 2002, one Oregon art history major from Hondo, said doctor had his license sus- she does not believe Texas will folpended after approving half low in Rhode Island's footsteps any

"For it to be legalized in Texas, suspension came about three there is going to have to be a huge years after medical marijuana ideological shift because Texas is was legalized in the pretty conservative," she said.

In terms of Rhode Island, With the spotlight Hannemann said she has no problem through must had have had ample "New Jersey, Michigan and New support and reasoning to backup

For more information about the As for Texas, Armentano said the effort to reform marijuana laws across tion for the Reform of Marijuana Law's Web site, www.norml.org.

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# Remains

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5 feet six inches to 5 feet 9 inches," Natarajan said. "His on his height, ranged from 150 to 180 pounds."

The remains were discovered the immediate future. at the end of December, according to media reports. The Sheriff's Department immediately started an investigation.

Lubbock County Sheriff David Gutierrez said the department closed down the area for seven days to systematically search for any more clues.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

After most of the remains were found, the Sheriff's Department delivered the remains to Natarajan for medical examination, according to media reports.

As far as how long it will take to estimated weight, based a little identify the victim, Natarajan said there is no definite timeline, but hopes some answers will come in

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# **2006 Predictions**

New Image for Leach, war with Canada likely in the New Year

Tell, I suppose the first thing I should do is depart with the niceties and welcome Jeremy everyone back to Lubbock (If you live here, I sympathize with your situation but do not welcome you back and in fact, think that you should be dispensing the salutations). With that out of the way, I now can focus on the rest of this column, which I'm sure will be full of the an honor. I write a speech focusing complete and utter nonsense that have on the life lessons taught by Willie filled the rest of them.

do what many writers do and write a the Johnny Depp version). Whitmore column reviewing the past year's events in the hopes that the stupidity of others would provide cheap and easy material. I could write about how the New Year the football team's new starting free has emboldened me with the courage safety. to improve myself. (Read next part with David Spade-level sarcasm) "I'm shows that no one knows what a togoing to be nicer, kinder, read more, lose reador is, The Daily Toreador changes weight, take more pictures and overall its name to The Daily Sudoku and be a better person." The problem with Crossword Provider in the hopes of that is that it's Jan. 11, and I'm pretty increasing readership. Students hate sure everyone has already broken their the name change resolutions or is at the Rec working on

However, in the words of Mark McGwire, "I'm not here to talk about the past." No, instead, I will write about the future. Armed only with the gift of ESP (I got it for Christmas), a Ouija be, 9-11, able to falsify their bacons. Board and a Magic Eight Ball, I will Where I come from, we take that kind correctly predict the happenings of the of thing seriously, 9-11."

behind the goalpost at the Cotton released ranking Texas 8th, Texas Bowl continue to claim that the game A&M 17th and Texas Tech 52nd, winning field goal actually went under citing such concerns as a new QB. the crossbar and that the referees also happen to live in Alabama. On top Leach laughs and says he thinks we of that, that one guy's knee was down can pull off some upsets this year. and their touchdown should not have counted. OK, so all of that already hap-show up for class after Labor Day, pened. The next one will be completely despite the first day of classes being fabricated, I promise.

the Mike's Pirate School garbage, decides and parking. it's time to find a new theme for next and Mindy, he begins wearing rainbow siege Toronto believing that if they suspenders, saying "Nanu Nanu" and surrender their capital then the war stops combing his hair. Somehow, coach will be over. Dick Cheney leans over Leach begins to age in reverse and will end the month as a teenager. He uses ear of President Bush during a press the "drinking with his fingers" trick on conference to which he responds, potential players and Tech takes in its best recruiting class ever.

of the Big 12 tournament and then the NIT. The campus bookstore celebrates by printing T-shirts.

annual spring game with a reported attendance of 20,000 (actual attendance is closer to 5,000). Students anoint Graham Harrell, the new starter, and claim that he has "The arm of B.J. Symons with the smarts of Kliff Kingsbury." Coach Leach says that he hasn't picked diploma in the mail.

President Whitmore asks me to give education major from Mineral the keynote address, making me the Wells. Email him at Jeremy. first enrolled student to receive such R.Glidewell@ttu.edu.



Wonka and the Chocolate Factory It's a new year, and in theory, I could (That's the Gene Wilder one, not form tackles me before I can deliver the line "May all your snozberries taste like snozberries," and then becomes

June — After market research

July — America declares war on Canada after it is revealed to President Bush that Canadian Bacon is actually just ham saying "that we cannot let Canada misrepresent its products, 9-11, any longer. No nationality should

August — Sports Illustrated January — Tech students who sat college football preview edition is Tech students claim media bias; Mike

September — Tech students one week prior. They then proceed February — Mike Leach, tired of all to complain about tuition increases

> October — Canadian War rages and whispers something into the

November — The Monday after March—Tech makes the Elite Eight losing to Texas the bookstore prints T-shirts claiming to be "Texas State Runner-ups." Graham Harrell is made the scapegoat and is said to have "The April — Tech football holds its arm of Cody Hodges and the brain of Sonny Cumbie.'

December — During graduation I tackle President Whitmore from behind exacting my revenge for what happened in May. I am asked to leave the ceremony, but will still receive my

May — Graduation is held, and ■ Glidewell is a senior music



# Film promotes homosexual agenda

Hype for 'Brokeback Mountain' gives gay community undue attention

T anuary has always been a good month for me; school begins again, spring is just around the corner, and the movie awards season is in full swing. As part of my Christmas break every year, I try to catch up on all the movies that won nominations and high critical praise. Typically, residing in Lubbock means missing a few key movies, so I knew I had to see 'Brokeback Mountain' before it was gone in a weekend. What I came out of the movie with, more than any message it was trying to send, is that the controversy and hype surrounding this movie is completely over hyped.

Last week, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation outright attacked movie critic Gene Shalit over his review on NBC's Today show of "Brokeback Mountain." According to GLAAD, his leviate his fix. most incendiary comment labeled the character of Jack Twist, played by Jake Gyllenhall, as a "sexual predator."

see that type of behavior occurring its in the initial advances made tothe film, Twist approaches a marand upon finding out that he won't ships in general." be able to spend the weekend with



The movie spits on the institution of marriage; these men are married, have children, and yet still seek a selfdestructive lifestyle.

Drawing upon those brief instances from the movie, Shalit's Yet, frequently in the movie, we of Ang Lee's work. Yet, GLAAD's official statement on their Website states, "Shalit's bizarre characwards a very drunk Ennis Del Mar terization of Jack as a "predator"

Ennis, he travels to Mexico and for me; otherwise, my general- the movie. Anyone who ques- major from San Antonio. Email

all homosexual men venture to is portrayed as a villain seeking to Mexico when they can't get their separate them. This movie furthers kicks at home. It's insulting to a the stereotype that if you're against movie-going public to tell them homosexuality, then you must be how to watch a movie, especially an evil, cold-hearted person. when that movie has benefited

Hollywood romance.

typical love onto a same-sex rela- sure came across that way. tionship that is the draw. Perhaps if he wanted similar critical praise, Peter Jackson shouldn't have had a Tyrannosaurs Rex-King Kong fight, but a Tyrannosaurus Rex-King Kong love scene.

Where "Brokeback Mountain" comment could be rather accurate succeeds is the unique, though as host). depending on your interpretation flawed look into homosexuality in his initial encounter with Del Mar, the film and about gay relation- and the depiction of people who best picture of the year. interact with the main characters I'm glad they cleared that up are the true flaw and outrage in Caliva is a senior mathematics picks up a male prostitute to al- ization might have been that tions Jack and Ennis' relationship him at Trey. Caliva@ttu.edu.

Nowhere is it addressed that some people have beliefs that The controversial subject mat- don't allow homosexuality. The ter coupled with the critical suc- movie spits on the institution of cess of "Brokeback Mountain" is marriage; these men are married, helping put gay and lesbian issues have children and yet still seek into a more prominent light. a self-destructive lifestyle. Never Stunningly, the actual love story mind that they're both seeking in the movie isn't that strong, if each other as men, the same acyou replaced either character with tions of a heterosexual nature a woman, you'd have your ho-hum would be adultery. I'm not sure if it was the intention of the writers It's the transposition of that to treat marriage so lightly, but it

> So why the tremendous hype? "Brokeback Mountain" has opened the door for Hollywood to stick it to conservatives in this year's Academy Awards (which expanded with the selection of liberal media darling, Jon Stewart,

The material itself has been the American West. Most movies hyped beyond its scope. If you to-date featuring the serious topic allow people to analyze the movie of homosexual relationships place with an open-mind, then Gene themselves in their comfort zones Shalit is right, it's a story chroniplayed by Heath Ledger. Later in and Ennis as a victim reflects a of the East or West coast. "Broke- cling the unwarranted advances of fundamental lack of understanding back" tumbles headfirst into Wyo- a sexual predator, it's over hyped, ried man with the same boldness of about the central relationship in ming and Texas during the 1960s; and it has no place being called the

# Many Christians in Lubbock fail to imitate Christ

ecause I am a liberal feminist, most people believe that I am a godless heathen. However, I probably know more about modern Christianity

than the average person. Since birth I have attended church at least three times a week, augmented by Bible studies, youth group events and university for two years. The first 20 years immoral. Yet he will jerk off to pornograof my life revolved around Christian people, literature, music and activities. After my vast experiences, I have come to one conclusion about Christians: You have missed the point.

categories. The first category is what I like to call the "Texas Tech Christian." the early part of their evening with hands miss a Sunday morning. They read their raised to a praise band and then rush home Bibles and start their prayers with "Father to change clothes in order to make it to God." They frown on Tech Christians, Wild West or South Beach for a splendid homosexuals, atheists, Jews, Muslims, night of debauchery.

abortion is a sin. However, they smoke pot, in church in many religions). binge drink, pop Xanex and snort cocaine only valuable in the womb.



service projects. I also attended a Christian against gays because they are perverted and phy and treat women as sexual objects. For me, this seems more perverted than a loving relationship between two men

Most Christians fit into one of three religious fanatics, whom I have dubbed "Churchies." As an ex-Churchie, I know the mindset of the group. Churchies don't other Churchies, liberals and usually Any one of them will tell you that women (women still cannot even speak

In fact, they frown on everything we'll love you." degrading their bodies. Apparently, life is except themselves. These are the most arrogant and cruel of all Christians. When your Christ, I do not like your Chris- major from Lubbock. Email her

closet, members of his church actually Christ." boycotted the pharmacy where he worked because "they can't support that kind of thing." This is a classic Churchie move.

The third category of Christians is extremely hard to find. These are the Christians who care first and foremost about loving people. They are what I call "Anomalies." For instance, the Carpenter's Church of Lubbock devotes itself to the homeless, drug addicts, prostitutes and anyone who wants to know about Jesus.

They might disagree with someone such as me, but they will be loving about The second type consists of die-hard it. It is extremely hard to find Anomalies disown people who don't live up to their in Lubbock.

In the gospel John, there is a story of called disfellowshipping). a woman caught in adultery who is about These Christians are the type who spend smoke, drink, have sex before marriage, or to be stoned for her sin. Jesus steps in and their current method of hating and atstops the crowd from doing so.

> has not condemned her, and to "Go now mark my words. You will continue to see and leave your life of sin." Jesus made the "moral decay" until you get off your "we woman feel loved and he told her to quit are persecuted martyrs" kick and unconsinning. Present day Christians tell the ditionally love those around you like your world to "quit sinning and then maybe Christ did.

The Tech Christian guy will speak out someone very close to me came out of the tians. Your Christians are so unlike your at Abbie.Kopf@ttu.edu.

Present day Christians blame moral decay on TV shows, rappers, rockers, politicians, movies and liberals like myself. But the problem isn't in Washington or Hollywood. The problem is with you.

I have experienced life both inside and outside of religion. Unlike those who are not religious, those inside never failed to surprise me with the amount of hatred they exhibited. They fight with each other about meaningless things such as whether it is a sin to have a kitchen in the church (true story). They literally will standards (This practice still occurs, it is

They never stop to consider that tacking everyone unlike them effectively Jesus then tells the woman that he turns people away from God. Christians,

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "I like ■ Kopf is a senior sociology

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# Tech computer scientists team up with NASA to create vehicle to visit moon, Mars

By CARLOS BERGFELD SENIOR STAFF WRITER

NASA's upcoming Crew Exploration Vehicle will finally allow human created by Cooke. beings to explore the Martian landscape of the red planet.

faced in the journey to the moon, as the former can be more than 1,000 times farther away.

to respond quickly enough to ensure he said. the astronauts' safety, and as such, increased emergency response led by onboard computer systems may lend to lessening otherwise dangerous their space shuttle software. situations.

a three-week period where you can't communicate because of the Sun," said Daniel Cooke, chair of the computer science department.

Beginning this month, Cooke and other Tech computer scientists software needs. will work with NASA to develop a for the Crew Exploration Vehicle.

The vehicle will be similar in he said. shape to the Apollo capsule, but three

By KATIE KINNEY

In early December, Chancel-

lor Dr. David Smith announced

his decision to stay at Texas

Tech as chancellor in a press

release, after talking and de-

liberating with the University

System of Georgia to be their

came available in August, and

Smith was named a finalist in

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solving language called SequenceL, as well.

ents problems separate from those programming language when chairing of computer science a workshop for NASA about the soft- from Abilene who ware involved in space exploration. moved to Houston

"They'll have to modify capa- Monday. When trouble arises, ground bilities onboard this vehicle while control may not have the capability it's on its way to, from or at Mars,"

> Cooke said NASA previously the Johnson Space used traditional programming lan- Center with NASA guages like C or C++ to implement

For the next six months, Cooke ployed in the "You've got communication de- and others will work on developing software industry, lays that run from six to 45 minutes the prototype and integrating the at the speed of light, not to mention software into NASA's simulation veloping for NASA will be slightly ploration Vehicle will facilitate the

> Cooke said SequenceL's automatic generation of iterative and parallel it an optimal solution for NASA's changed," he said.

"The language that they've tendprototype Onboard Abort Executive ed to use for these requirements - it Concrete State Machines, which Balduccini, a post-doctoral research actually looks a lot like SequenceL,"

Cooke will travel to the Johnson change. times larger, and it will be reusable up Space Center in Houston periodically

The prototype software for the the software and SequenceL, though gram needs to change. Concrete State vehicle will be developed using a a graduate student on the team has Machines are used to actually make general-purpose, high-level problem relocated to Houston for this purpose the change and read from sensors,"

Cooke said he realized NASA's do something like that, they're also will work on the project. need for software developed by totally new to the language," said However, the trip to Mars pres- something other than a traditional Robert Watson, a graduate student crete State Machine Language will

Watson will stay in Houston for six months, working at

Previously em-Watson said de-

different, and likened the process to voyage of up to four astronauts to the shooting at a moving target.

"Just when you think you've structures makes programming with solved the problem, the problem back to the moon with the vehicle in

The software developed in the are collections of variables and a set assistant, also will aid in developing of rules telling how those variables the software for the project.

"SequenceL is used basically to >> carlos.a.bergfeld@ttu.edu to expedite NASA's familiarity with determine how the state of the pro-

"We have a lot of connection

Texas very well. The board was also

es in demographics and provide federal money with \$70 million of out what steps should be taken

having control over a much larger he said has helped the university unfinished work here. There is no

to four- with legislature here at Texas Tech to the chancellor making his deci-

the chang- raised more than \$100 million in looking at Tech's future, planning

and we know the people here in sion to remain at Tech.

in a state of evolution," Smith said. I have never found more energiz-

"With this change, you want to ing, good human beings than here

In the four years Smith has been believe we are second to none."

that in just the last four years. Tech to continue the rich tradition

immensely. SAT scores are at an better student than Texas Tech,"

at Tech

communi- stands behind his decision.

this would make sure your vision is in tact."

help with at Tech, the university system has

ty colleges

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versities,"

Smith said.

"I thought

By turning down the Georgia also has raised more than \$500

erable pay increase. Although some all-time high, graduation rates have Smith said.

System, the chancellor said no to million in endowments, which,

may think the chancellor is missing increased and Tech's healthcare

an excellent opportunity, Smith system has become a nationally

said Nelson Rushton, an assistant "The problem is, when they professor of computer science who

Developed by Rushton, the Concontinue in its development along with the project.

Neither SequenceL nor Rushton's Concrete State Machine Language has been used for large-scale projects like this in the past.

Howard Hu, the chief engineer for Crew Exploration Vehicle Guidance, Navigation and Control at the Johnson Space Center will lead the project.

The Crew Exmoon or six astronauts to Mars.

NASA plans on sending humans 2018 and then later to Mars.

Michael Gelfond, a professor project with SequenceL also will use of computer science, and Marcello

All of these factors contribute

"You do have a sense of loyalty.

at Texas Tech," Smith said. "I

Smith already has started

"I think there is still a lot of

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Smith stands by decision to stay at Tech

recognized institution.

# Perry

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"I'm blessed to be the governor of the greatest state; I'm blessed with my three children; and I'm on the ticket. blessed to be married to the love of my life," Perry said.

Newly sworn-in Criminal District Attorney Matt Powell believes he knows why Lubbock was the first on Perry's path.

"I think people are finally starting to see what's great about Lubbock," he said. "It speaks volumes that he chose Lubbock to come and kick off his campaign.

Other officials like Congressman Randy Neugebaur, were simply complimentary of Perry's decision

"I think Lubbock should be very a conservative part of the state — I think the second most conservative in the nation, but the governor has odds. been a fiscal conservative, and he chose a city that's fiscally conservative to launch his campaign."

The first test of Perry's campaign will be against lesser-known defeated." candidates Larry Kilgore, Rhett R. >> brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu

Smith and Star Locke in the March

Despite the conservative aura associated with Republicans, Perry said he believes his ballot presence will be different than other Republicans

"My friends, there will be only one conservative on the ballot this No-Some of Perry's staff said it's vember," he said. "The promise I have "interesting and significant" the kept, and that I renew to you today is governor chose to begin his cam- this — I will not only campaign as a paign in Lubbock. Local officials conservative, I will continue to govern as a conservative.'

> If successful in the primary, Perry is expected to face Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who was originally thought to run as a Republican, but switched to become an Independent earlier this month. Also in the running are: humorist and Independent candidate Kinky Friedman, and Democrats former Texas Supreme Court Justice Bob Gammage and former Congressman Chris Bell.

If Perry is successful in the gubernatorial race, he could become Texas' longest-serving governor. He stepped flattered that Perry chose to begin up from the lieutenant governor pohere," Neugebaur said. "Lubbock is sition in 2000 when then-governor George W. Bush won the presidency.

Perry seems to believe in his

"There's been seven times I've stood before the people in this state and asked them to place their trust in me," he said, "and I have never been

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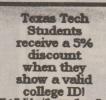
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# nly you can prevent forest fires

Officials give tips to keep Texas wildfires out of West Texas

By ANDREW WOOD STAFF WRITER

parts of Texas, including West Texas when 1,200 to 1,500 acres burned warning for Thursday and Saturday. in Abernathy Thursday afternoon.

and human judgment are some of the for Wind Science and Engineering. factors which have caused wildfires rologist, said people need to be alert last nine months. of fire at all times.

and Dallas, happened in areas with humidity levels, which are not as spread the fire into town. subject to wildfire as areas with a drier climate.

said, and higher wind speeds make or use fireworks. the area more vulnerable to fire.

the fires haven't started," he said.

the National Weather Service, which Fire Department. goes up when a 20-foot wind speed is

more than 25 mph and the humidity land fires we have are caused by There is a possibility for a red-flag place.'

Drought was a key factor in the Local experts and officials continue wildfires spreading in the North Texas to warn that another devastating fire region, where the amount of rainfall Dry weather, high wind speed said Larry Tanner, research associate of leaves.

in various parts of the state. Carlos 40 inches of rain every year, has re- some guidelines for dealing with Gonzales, KLBK-TV chief meteo- ceived nine inches of rain during the

According to the www. There already have been fires in en.wikipedia.org, a wildfire, located the area, he said, and the lack of rain near Cross Plains destroyed 116 from recent months is a factor. The homes Dec. 27. Two people died as a fires, which spread near Abilene result and 7,665 acres of land burned. The fire started five miles west of more of a moist climate and higher town before winds of up to 30 mph

The South Plains has not had zero tolerance policy for using fire winter season. much rain since October, Gonzales outdoors, even if it is to cook outdoors

While a dry and windy climate when a fire might begin to spread. "So far, I think we've been lucky has put West Texas in danger of a wildfire, people cause most of the about too often, but it can affect Some areas in Texas have been fires, said Mark Ethridge, public everyone with a drop of a hat," placed under a "red-flag warning" by information officer for the Lubbock

"Nearly all of the grass and wild

level is less than 15 percent, said Jerry people and they are preventable," English, National Weather Service he said. "The best defense for people Wildfires have damaged various hydrometeorological technician. is to not let the fire start in the first

Ethridge said people should cut their grass and clear leaves close to their homes. Debris and woodpiles should be kept away from homes, was lower than the yearly average, and roofs and gutters should be free

The Oklahoma State University The Dallas area, which averages Forestry Department also has listed fire, which include: have an outdoor water supply with a hose and a nozzle that can reach all parts of the house, keep fire extinguishers handy, set up a family evacuation plan and conduct regular fire drills. People should have at least two escape routes planned, according to the department.

The high wind speeds and dry weather is normal for this time of Some counties in Texas have been the year, Gonzales said, and a greater placed under a burn ban, which is a chance of rain will come later in the

He said people should be prepared at all times because they never know

"It's not something people think Gonzales said.

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# Doctors say Sharon out of immediate danger as he recovers from stroke

reported progress Tuesday by Ariel anesthesiologists. Sharon, saying the Israeli leader

But while doctors said Sharon time to recover. was no longer in immediate danger, full extent of the damage he sufthink and reason.

"I think compared with recent many written by children. days ... there are significant changes But we still have a long way to go, and we have to be patient," said

moved his left hand and appeared Jan. 4 and underwent three surgeries Rosenfeld said. to respond to his sons' voices in to stop hemorrhaging on the right new signs of recovery from a mas- side of his brain. He has been kept in his father's stroke, Sharon's son Omri

Israelis were stunned at the illness they cautioned it would be days of their 77-year-old leader and have family, the citizens of Israel, who since before they could determine the intensely followed updates on his condition. Some made pilgrimages to fered from a brain hemorrhage and Hadassah Hospital, gathering outside whether he has lost his ability to to pray, hanging up posters of support and offering letters of well wishes,

in the prime minister's condition. country had fallen 50 percent since father and his personal doctors who but since the prime minister became ill

JERUSALEM (AP) — Doctors Dr. Yoram Weiss, one of Sharon's there seems to have been a change in people's behavior patterns, their way of Sharon suffered a massive stroke thinking," police spokesman Mickey

In his first public statement since a medically induced coma to give him said the family was grateful for the outpouring of support.

"I came to thank, in the name of my Wednesday have supported us with their concern, with warm and loving prayers for the well-being of my father," he told reporters outside the hospital. "In addition, I want to send our great appreciation and thanks to Hadassah Israeli police said crime in the Hospital, the medical team treating my Sharon's stroke. "It's hard to explain, have been working day and night to treat the prime minister."

# Rodriguez

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dential," Overstreet said.

gathered has to be guarded until the investigation is finished.

"Once charges are filed and a case begins, then we will present the evidence," Gutierrez said. "It has continued to be a high extremely beneficial to the search.

sources. As Sheriff, I cannot begin to understand the emotional dev-

astation this family feels."

Gutierrez said he feels a heavy burden to find those who are miss-

Gutierrez said any information nine searches and also probed count-contacted the Sheriff's Department, less square miles throughout large areas of Texas and some parts of

Gutierrez said the amount of

"In one search alone we had over of her disappearance. "We are not sparing any re- 500 volunteers," Gutierrez said.

> Sheriff's Office has received hun- Rodriguez at this time. dreds of tips, and it have investigated them all, Gutierrez said.

disappeared from her bedroom after coming home from work.

Gutierrez said there was no sign

of a forcible entry, and all of her personal belongs, such as her purse and car keys, were still at the house.

The next day, her parents noticed He said so far they conducted her disappearance and immediately according to reports.

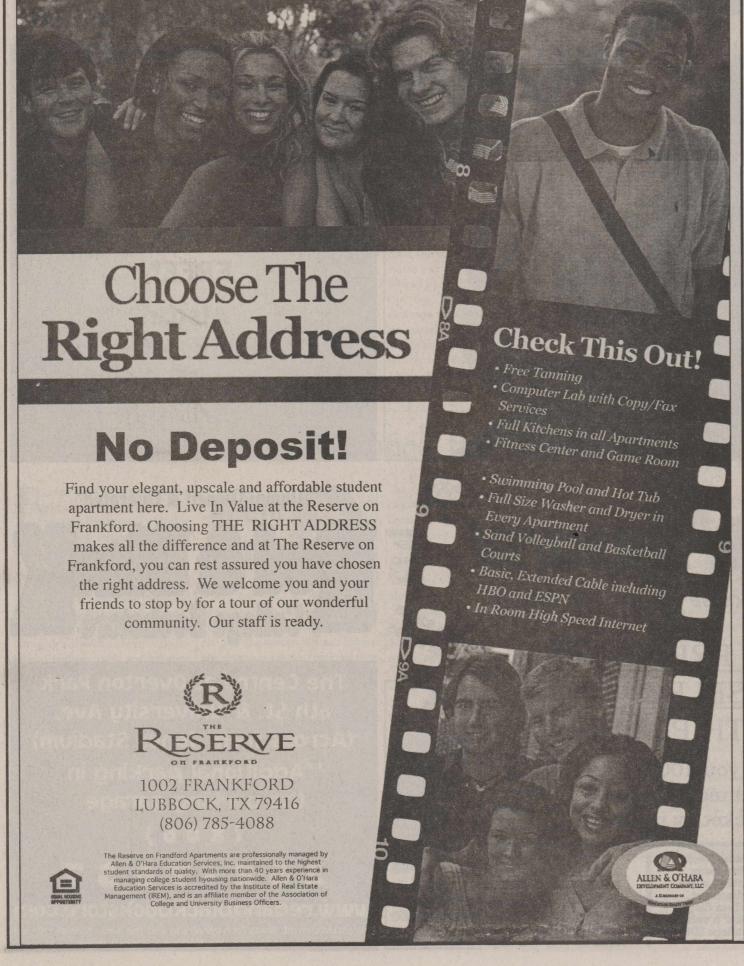
Jennifer Wilkerson is another young woman who was reported missing. According to reports, Wilkpeople willing to volunteer has been erson has been missing since July 2004. Wilkerson was 25 at the time

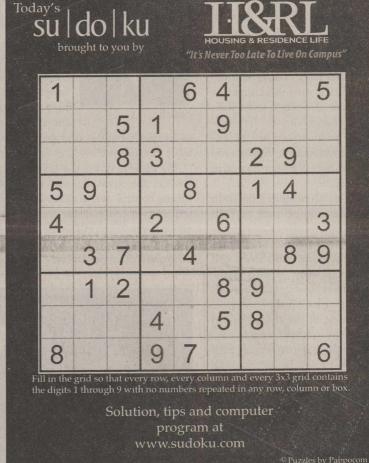
Overstreet said there is no con-Since Rogers went missing, the nection between Wilkerson and

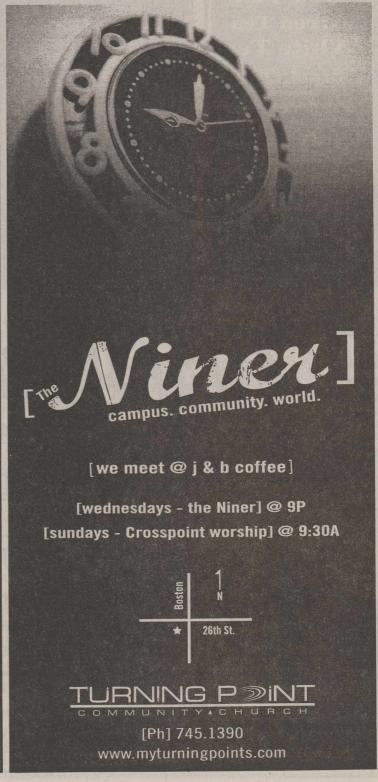
"Our investigators are doing a superb job," he said. "However, there According to reports, Rogers is still a lot of work to be done in both cases."

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# iPod

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coming in fashion.

icon," Bruse said. "People want roll out iPod Skins, which are iPods because they can personalize rubber covers that come in col-

Some of these innovations in aloha blue. fashion already can be seen.

on holder that comes with all iPods does not seem like the perfect fit mini to the current generation. with someone's wardrobe, www. iLounge.com is now advertising two Tech campus, Doug Brannon, a different styles of hip belts that come sophomore advertising major with an iPod pouch.

restaurant and hotel management buy a skin for their iPod. major from Abilene, said the fashion statement with iPods is pointless.

put so much money into buying the actual iPod is basically a black and accessories," she said.

Benedict might be against accessories such as the iTrip, which allows nano, Apple's smallest and latest a person to listen to her iPod through revision to its MP3 player, come a car radio, and all the colored skins in packs of five with red, blue, out there, but she is not against the clear, black and pink skins. idea of having an MP3 player. She also understands the thought process counting major from Oklahoma, behind Gucci and Fendi putting the said the iPod has become a fashiPod on runways.

"I think they are smart to take advantage and make more money fashion statement," Graham said. on this," Benedict said.

It has always been a golden rule that a person must always match with their wardrobe, and newer

fashions are starting to follow that trend. Charity bracelets come in various shapes and colors so a woman can color coordinate she sees more iPod innovations her charitable cause with a blouse or skirt. Seeing this, it is only "It's become more of a fashion natural that companies start to ors ranging from camouflage to

On www.istyles.com, custom-If the mundane and basic clipers are able to find iPod skins for every type of player from the iPod

At the High Tech store on the from Lubbock, said he sees an Sarah Benedict, a sophomore average of 15 to 20 people daily

"The skins are protection, but it allows you to give your own "I think it's stupid how people expression," Brannon said. "The white world."

At the store, skins for the iPod

Kevin Graham, a junior acionable asset.

"The iPod is the ultimate "It says a lot about the person who owns it."

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# Tech assistant football coach Brown dies of heart attack

By JOEY KIRK

Dave Brown died Tuesday of an apparent heart attack.

Chris Cook, director of athletic media relations for Tech, said full details about the incident could not be provided Tuesday evening, pending further investigation.

to me," he said. "I don't want to before being drafted to an expanspeculate at this time."

Brown has been an assistant at Tech under coach Mike Leach for the last five years. Prior to that,



Brown

as an asthe Seattle from 1992

he served

played college foot-

ball at the University of Michigan, where he was a two-time All American and was named to the Texas Tech secondary coach school's All Century team. He received his bachelor's degree from the university in 1975.

Brown was a former NFL defensive back, playing 16 seasons professionally.

He began with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1975, participating in "That's what has been described the Steelers' Super Bowl X win, sion team, the Seattle Seahawks, where he spent 11 seasons and was named All-Pro in 1984. It is in Seattle that he holds the all-time record for interceptions with 50.

Brown finished his career with sistant for the Green Bay Packers in 1990.

Brown is survived by his wife, Seahawks Rhonda, and his two sons, Aaron and Sterling. The Daily Toreador will provide more information when it is received.

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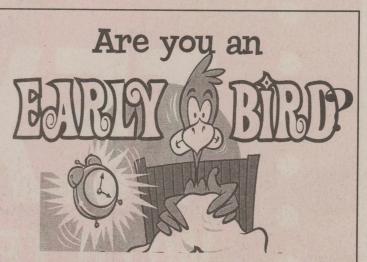
MEMBERS OF THE Texas Tech Lacrosse Club practice Monday afternoon at the sports study center field. Emo Stone passes off the ball while Matthew Berek attempts to stop him.



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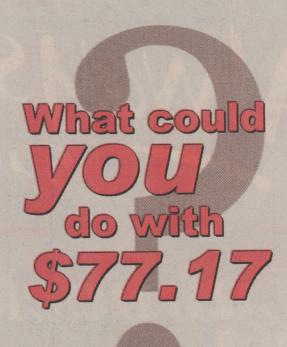


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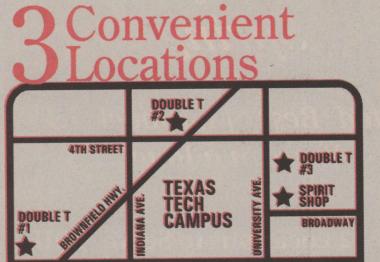
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# Getting ginny with it: Local cotton harvested

By RUTH BRADLEY

The fields surrounding Lubbock have turned from white to brown. Piles of snowy fluff are packed together in intermittent stacks, towers of white amid the withering plants and dusty ground.

The advent of these piles of cotton, called modules, means that it is cotton-ginning season. And, following the best cotton production year this region can recall, it is going to last a little longer this year.

"There's so much cotton, it's going to take longer to gin it," said John Johnson, communications director for Plains Cotton Cooperative Association,

an organization that markets ginned cotton. "It's the biggest crop on record, and the previous record was set in 2004," he said. "So we've had consecutive records, not only for Texas but for the U.S."

Johnson said they are expecting about 5.5 million bales of cotton to be produced from this area.

"We're looking at a truly historical crop here," said Dean Ethridge, marketing director of the International Textile Center at Texas Tech. "The High Plains this year is producing as much cotton as historically the state of Texas has produced."

This is the second year in a row the High Plains farmers have broken production records. Ethridge said this crop has implications for the entire South Plains area and could affect the economy by as much as \$3 billion.

"The impact on the economy is very reliable, is very direct and occurs the final step in production: quality testing.

almost from the beginning of harvesting," he said.

The harvesting process usually begins in September of each year, said Shawn Wade, director of communications for Plains Cotton Growers Inc. This follows four months of careful tending to young plants.

Most South Plains farmers plant their cotton in May and can expect to see blooms by July.

"That's when most of the work gets done," said Wade. "That's when you're

Pests, storms and irrigation all have to be tended to regularly throughout the growing period. Finally, usually late in September, farmers will begin to prepare crops for harvest. For many farmers, this means using harvest aids, such as bowl openers or defoliants. About two weeks after aids are applied, crops are ready for harvest.

Farmers use machines called pickers, or strippers, to collect cotton to form modules. Each module is composed of about 5,000 pounds of cotton.

"That does two things," said Wade. "One, the modules are a lot easier to move ... (and) it protects the cotton."

Once the cotton has been harvested, the farmer's work is done, usually about late November. The modules will stand in a field, or in storage, until a is very sensitive to the cotton situation." gin removes it for processing.

The ginning process begins with the removal of dirt and leaves from the cotton. Next, the cotton fibers are separated from the seeds, which are often sold in secondary markets. The cotton now is ready to be packaged, and for

Johnson said a sample is taken from each bail, and sent to the Department of Agriculture. These samples are tested for fiber length, strength, maturity and color, and a grade is assigned to each bail based on these tests.

"That grade goes on a system so that a buyer can compare the bails of

Johnson said Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, located in Lubbock, will handle about 50 percent of the Texas 2005 cotton crop and will sell to buyers all over the world.

Although many farmers use co-ops like this one to connect with buyers, others still prefer to do their own marketing.

"There's still a very active and vibrant independent community out there as well," Wade said.

Farmers are an important part of the South Plains and of Texas, he said. "It's a significant economic component of the Lubbock economy, and the whole High Plains area," he said.

Ethridge said cotton is the second largest money generator in the state of Texas, behind cattle.

"Cotton is the No. 1 cash crop for the state of Texas," he said. "This region

Ethridge said, with economic turnover, a good year for South Plains farmers could mean a good year for other South Plains businesses.

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# Tech offers assistance for keeping resolutions, losing weight

By LAUREN SCOTT FEATURES WRITER

New Year's resolutions of weight loss and exercise are more popular than ever. With new diet trends springing up around every corner, knowing the skinny on diet and exercise plans can make an impact on how much weight is lost or maintained.

The Atkins Diet started the low-carbohydrate diet craze. The diet offers low-carbohydrate, high fiber food choices instead of starchy foods such as pasta, rice and potatoes.

Then the South Beach Diet got popular. South Beach is similar to Atkins in that both diets are low-carb, however, South Beach allows more carbohydrates to be eaten. According to www.southbeach-diet-plan.com, the diet is a three-phase plan that slowly incorporates more carbohydrates as the diet progresses.

Mallory Boylan, an associate professor in weights." nutrition, hospitality and retailing, said the diets will continue to be widespread.

"These diets will continue to be fairly popular," she said. "But it's different for every person to lose weight and to maintain the

Boylan said the main thing to remember when trying to lose weight is exercise.

"The major implication in weight maintenance is to make sure the number of calories you take in is less than the number of calories you expend," she said.

Chrissy Huffman, fitness/wellness coordinator at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, suggests using the FITT technique.

"FITT stands for frequency, intensity, type and time," she said. "I recommend cardio three to five times per week for 40 to 60 minutes. If you're walking, try to power walk or carry

**Physical harm** 

She also recommends slowly working weights into a new workout routine.

"Two to three times per week with weights is enough," Huffman said. "Try putting just enough weight on to where you can do eight to12 repetitions. Start out with just one set, then as you get stronger, do more repeti-

Boylan suggests eating smaller portions throughout the day.

"Eating everything all at once is not as healthy as eating many times a day," she said. "Eat half of your food and get a doggy bag, or split a meal with someone."

She said there is one simple way to lose a pound per week.

"Eat 500 less calories a day, and you will lose a pound in a week," she said. "It's the small changes over a long period of time that will have the biggest impact. Just stick with it."

She said cutting back 500 calories a day could be as simple as skipping a drink at a coffee shop or eating baked food instead of

Boylan said nutritional information is listed on many restaurants' Web sites, and by looking on the Internet before eating out can help with making healthy food choices.

"If the nutritional information is not given on the Web site, ask the manager for a nutrient analysis," she said. "And if you want dessert, fruit is a good choice. Or split the dessert with

Huffman said the Rec Center is offering several specialty classes as well as drop-in

"We have everything from shape-and-tone to cardio to hip-hop for our drop-in classes," she said. "Our specialty classes include yoga, boxing and all kinds of dancing."

Huffman said specialty demo classes begin Wednesday and they are open to anyone who

"It's kind of like a try-it-before-you-buy-it type thing," she said.

Huffman also said a class called Ten Weeks to Health is offered that teaches the variety of ways to work out and educates about nutrition. She said the class is especially helpful to those who have never regularly worked out and those who are uncomfortable about working out in

"Ten Weeks to Health will change your attitude about working out and will help you maintain your New Year's resolution," Huff-

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WASHINGTON (AP) — With drugs, gangs and other negative influences, young people face many more dangers than earlier generations did and often have fewer people to help them, Laura Bush said Tuesday.

The first lady said that families, schools and communities are three pillars of influence that can help disadvantaged youth become healthy and successful.

Mrs. Bush, along with Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, addressed about 2,000 attendees of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention conference. The weeklong conference, organized by the Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, was designed to share best practices for helping at-risk youth.

The Bush administration is sup-

porting programs that help families, schools and the greater community provide the positive influences young people need in their lives, Mrs. Bush said.

"We want every child to be surrounded by caring adults who provide love, advice and encouragement, and who can serve as good role models," she said.

In his State of the Union address last January, President Bush introduced the Helping America's | textbook needs. Youth initiative and said his wife would lead the effort.

On Tuesday, the first lady spoke of her national travels for the initiative. She said she observed afterschool activities, parenting training and anti-gang programs that have helped children and young people.

She stressed the importance of families, especially the need for two buy the textbook. parents, in a child's upbringing.

# Bushes concerned for youth Checking book prices helps checkbooks

By ABBY STONE FEATURES WRITER

Professors require students to buy textbooks for classes, but bookstores know there is a choice when it comes to where to purchase textbooks.

LeAnne Gibson, a first-year graduate student in communications studies, said the leading factor that pulls her to a bookstore is prices. She said she checks all of the bookstores for prices, but usually goes to Varsity Bookstore for her

Bob Davenport, store manager for the Varsity Bookstore, said many students choose Varsity as their textbook supplier.

He said Varsity does not compete with other bookstores for the lowest prices.

"We don't try to get into those types of games," Davenport said. He said Varsity tries to keep prices as low as

they can based on what it initially costs them to

Allisyn McDonald, marketing director for Double T Bookstore, said the store guarantees the

lowest textbook prices and will match any other Eldoret, Kenya, said all student-athletes on scholbookstore's offer.

"If (customers) came in and said Varsity is selling this for 60, we would sell it for 59," Mc-

Joanna Koli, general manager for the Texas Tech University Bookstore, said it doesn't give any discounts on textbooks, but a portion of every dollar spent at the bookstore goes back to Tech.

She said one reason students choose the campus bookstore is because of the convenience it offers being located in the Student Union Building.

Many of the bookstores in Lubbock allow students to pre-order books online or in the actual store to make the textbook buying process

This spring, the campus bookstore has had more than 500 students pre-order their books, Koli said. Students can reserve their books anytime and

can pick them up 24 hours later. Haron Lagat, a member of the Tech track and field team, said he buys his books at the campus bookstore because he is on scholarship. The human development of family studies major from arship buy their books at the campus bookstore.

Sheila Collins, an African American literature visiting professor, said some of her students who are on scholarship can only shop at the campus bookstore. Said she uses the campus bookstore so all of her students will have equal access to

Collins said she turns to the Internet when it comes to buying books for herself, and suggests this

option to her students the first day of class. "I tend to buy my own books online so I can

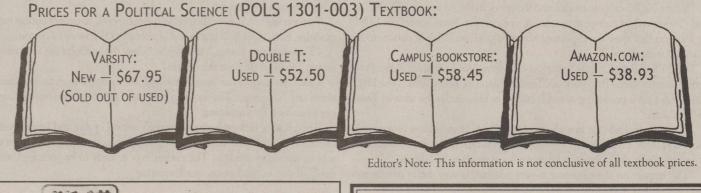
get them a lot cheaper," Collins said. According to www.Amazon.com, you can save

up to 50 percent on used textbooks. Graduate student Gibson says she buys many of her books online from Amazon.com or Half.com

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# Seth Green adds new sitcom to his many show-biz ventures

NEW YORK (AP) — For years, Seth Green has been from his countless rabbit holes. Here's a guy as hard for the audience to get a bead on as Bugs is for poor Elmer Fudd — and arguably he's no less inventive.

on no fewer than three shows.

On the animated "Family Guy" (Fox, Sunday at 9 p.m. EST), he furnishes the quavery whine of slothful

On "Robot Chicken" (Cartoon Network, Sunday at 11:30 p.m.), his handiwork is evident as a creator, producer, director, writer and voice artist on this kookie stop-motion-animated sketch-comedy series populated by dolls and action figures.

And on his new sitcom, "Four Kings" (NBC, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.), Green plays one of a quartet of twentysomething chums who cohabit a Manhattan apartment that serves as their zany halfway house between college and adulthood.

Green joins Josh Cooke (last year's sitcom "Committed"), Shane McRae ("One Life to Live") and Todd Grinnell ("The Dangling Conversation") as the titular "Four Kings," which premiered last week.

popping up across the media horizon like Bugs Bunny tender 32, these are just the latest credits in a quartercentury-long career.

Consider that at 10 he landed his first film assignment, in "Hotel New Hampshire" with Jodie Foster. He starred Right now Green's work is in the sights of TV viewers in Woody Allen's "Radio Days" as the boyhood version of the Woody-inspired character.

> Other film roles include "Knockaround Guys," "Can't Hardly Wait" and all three "Austin Powers" comedies. On TV he was Oz, a sometime werewolf on "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer," and costarred with an ill-tempered puppet on the zany "Greg the Bunny."

> Now on "Four Kings," the 5-foot-4 Green stands tall as irrepressible Barry, a loudmouth redhead given to boasts like, "Some lucky lady is gonna get herself a slice of Barry pie." (Which spurs the retort: "Really, more of a short bread.")

> "I love it!" says Green, savoring the characters' giveand-take. "It's a lot of fun."

> But then the old pro in him reclaims control: The specter of failure dogs every new project.

> "I'm at a point in my career where I just don't take it personally," he says. "What's been harder to get my head around is the possibility that the show could be an enor-

But for Green, who come February will turn a still mous hit. I have been transient, going from job to job, for how many times we heard 'This is not for us,' before we a while." He laughs. "The possibility of the show being successful is more on my mind than it being a flop."

Growing up in Philadelphia, Green got the acting bug at age 6 while at a summer camp where his mother worked as arts instructor. Her campers were staging "Hello, Dolly!" and, at little Seth's urging, a part for him was plugged into the script:

"I run on stage and say, 'She's here, she's here! Dolly's here!' And I knew: This is what I wanted for my career. So I talked to my parents: `What are we gonna do about

By good fortune, he soon landed an audition with a local talent agent. The next day he was dispatched to New York to audition for a commercial. He got it. He was 7.

"From the first, I loved the process: telling stories, being silly, being serious. Reading a script and making the character real."

But along the way, Green decided that vying for good roles wasn't the only way to get ahead.

"I realized how much of what I intend to do is my responsibility to make happen," he explains. "For instance, my partner, Matthew Senreich, and I shopped 'Robot Chicken' around for over three years, and I can't tell you

got it to the Cartoon Network. There, we got to make exactly the show we wanted to make.

"I always wanted to get into writing, directing and producing by my 30s," he says proudly, "and this show is a great environment for me to test all my skills and develop them — in private." By which he means: His "Robot Chicken" action-figure stars make few demands, throw even fewer tantrums, and never squawk to the press about problems on the set.

With shooting wrapped on "Four Kings," Green is halfway through filming the second year of "Robot Chicken," which should be finished by the time his sitcom resumes production, should it win a pickup for next fall.

"I love having gotten this far and having nobody label me too specifically," he grins, "and without being the prey of the paparazzi. Nobody cares about my private life.

"In fact, people hanging out with me are safe, too. A friend who is a famous star went with me to a diner on Sunset at 2 in the morning, at the height of her being pursued by all the tabloids. The place was packed and we hung out. And there wasn't a word about it anywhere.

"I told her, 'Stick with me. You're bulletproof by association!" Even at the height of Seth Green season.

# Top 10 indie albums dropping in 2006

10. Sleater Kinney — "The Woods"

Following their blistering post Sept. 11 album, "One Beat," these three women from Washington rock harder than ever with more innovation and imagination than most of the garageband flunkies out there. A hybrid rock and feel-good roller-rink Saturday nights.

9. Gogol Bordello — "Gypsy Punks: Underdog World Strike"

If history has shown us anything, it is that originality is dangerous. And by god, do I love that kind of risk. Gogol Bordello's latest album rockets into an orgy of fuming violin, stomp-worthy percussion and a searing vocal performance from Ukrainian immigrant Eugene Htz. It's just like the title says, folks. It's gypsy on anything while listening.

8. M.I.A. — "Arular" son in Lubbock to truly love this album. Regardless, M.I.A.'s English dancehall by way of Bollywood beats are the best

you never heard last year. Next time you're at a party, spin "Arular." If asses shake harder and drinks are consumed faster, then you've got a good group. If people call for the return of Usher to the stereo, get new friends.

7. Of Montreal — "The Sunlandic Twins"

Seemingly innocent, whimsical, and at times very hypnotic, "The Sunlandic Twins" is the soundtrack to a childhood spent under the care of vaguely evil fairies that listen to a lot of indie-pop. Some songs are lilting and cheerful while others seem like you're driving on the surface of a dream. Always romantic, the album has a playfulness that makes you wish you could have stayed 11 years old forever.

> 6. The Decemberists — "Picaresque"

Often compared to Neutral Milk Hotel, The Decemberists came into its own with Picaresque, writing songs that document both the howls of sea captains long lost and the wails of every person who ever lost a spouse to war. This band is indie-rock's time traveler, bounding through the centuries like a kid whose most prized possession is his library card. If that kind of kid reminds you of yourself, this is the album for you.

5. The Go! Team -"Thunder Lightning Strike"

If cheerleaders were cool, the Go! Team would be their favorite band. A perfect mix of samples and original material makes this one of the most innovative and critically acclaimed releases of last year. This album is good music's quirky answer to the pep rally, capable of filling even the curmudgeonly of listeners with team spirit. It's just good to know our side finally has a pep squad.

4. Amadou & Mariam — "Dimanche á Bamanko"

the boundaries of language. While I can't decipher the French lyrics, this blind husband and wife duo from Mali inspiring and soulful albums of the year. Close your eyes and listen, and within seconds you'll be led to a sweaty bar somewhere in Africa, understanding nothing but loving everything, exotic and honest with every word.

3. Bright Eyes — "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning"

This album isn't music written by a 30 year old trying to be 20 again or some high school kid struggling with his own existence. With "Wide Awake," Conner





between a magnificent perversion of 70s Oberst was able to illustrate precisely what it means to be in your early 20s, angry and worried about both the state of the world and your own life. Like the powerful songs that will resonate long Stevens, even when comparing his own history books.

2. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah

This year's breakout band and home punk. Try not to break, steal or throw up of the Talking Heads, the audacity on my Top 10 list that year, too. of Bowie, and most importantly, the

potential to be among the few exciting Parks is one of The DT's music I think I may have been the only pergroups of this decade. Their unique New critics. E-mail him at Marcus. York sound encompasses all the bands J.Parks@ttu.edu.

you love without ever really sounding like any of them, seamlessly producing witty and stylish songs that still have great amounts of substance. Combine a carnie with a hipster and this is the album you'll get.

1. Sufjan Stevens — "Illinois"

Illinois is an album of triumphs and defeats. Every song is a victory for Stevens, a man on his way to becoming one of the greatest songwriters of our time. Jubilance juxtaposed with crippling best of protest music, Oberst has written sadness is a hallmark of "Illinois," but after their political relevance is in the secrets to the bodies under John Wayne Gacy's floorboards, is always tender. He's only written two of the 50 albums he plans on recording about every state in the union, I have confidence that I to one of the most interesting voices in will see that last album when I'm in the rock today, CYHSY has the intelligence nursing home. And it will probably be

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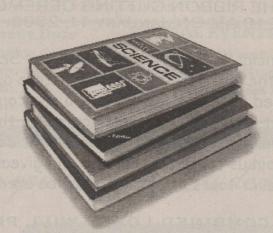
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# Internet sparks 'Hostel' idea for violent horror film

Writer/director Eli Roth sits down to discuss how other film industry friends turned an idea into 'action!'

By JEREMY REYNOLDS FEATURES WRITER

Writer/director Eli Roth came up with the idea for his first film "Cabin Fever" after getting a flesheating virus in Iceland and taking off half his face while shaving one morning. His second film comes from something darker.

Friend Harry Knowles, during a late-night conversation, turned found the inspiration for what later would become the film other's mouth in a bathtub."

find on the Internet," Roth said. And then they found it.

"Something that went beyond only way for them to make enough Roth onto a Web site where he ing accidents or even those two survive. Japanese girls vomiting into each

Somewhere deep in the heart tive killers were "We were talking about the of Thailand was a business that benefactors, like sickest thing you could possibly thrived on society's fetish for they were doing fear and adrenaline. For a fee a service for the of \$10,000, anyone who was so victims by way willing could be escorted into a of this bizarre room, handed a loaded weapon life insurance and then given another human scheme," Roth being to kill.

"It made me sick because it's true," Roth said. "Somewhere out site, along with there is someone so bored, and an idea about hookers and drugs just don't get backpackers them off anymore."

The Web site stated that the foreign land, practice was legal because the stayed with victims participated at their own Roth. He said freewill. They were supposedly shortly after desolate, poverty-stricken people who had families starving to death. hit theaters, becoming the top-Sacrificing themselves was the grossing film of the year for Lion's

the usual bestiality, skateboard- money to help their loved ones

if the prospec-

The Web being lost in a "Cabin Fever"

Gate Pictures, he began getting offers for other films.

"The stories were good, but the Europe, Roth said he witnessed scripts sucked," Roth said.

One day, while chitchatting with fellow writer/director Quentin Tarantino, Roth gave him the idea about "Hostel" and he said the response from Mr. "Pulp Fic- of kids trashed a car," Roth said. tion" was immediate.

"He said that was the sickest consider, but over there we gave (expletive) idea he'd ever heard and that I should start writing immediately," Roth said. "He said it could become the next American horror classic."

Roth dropped everything else on his plate and locked himself in a room and pounded out the script. "The Web site made it sound as He switched the location from

> Thailand to Central Europe where he could Somewhere out have two backpackers hiking there is someone through the country, much so bored, and like the start of "An American hookers and drugs Werewolf in just don't get them London."

Tarantino

would later

come onto

the project as

a producer to

make the film

a "Quentin

Tarantino Pres-

ents" project.

"He was always on board, so for

While filming the movie in

"We were shooting in the

the differences between there and

Czech Republic, and we had to

do this whole thing where a gang

"In America, there are laws to

out 15 lead pipes and just let them

Fever," he went with a 1970s hor-

ror-style directing. He said those

In Roth's first film, "Cabin

go to work and we filmed it."

him to become executive producer

was a natural thing," Roth said.

- ELI ROTH Writer/Director "Hostel"

off anymore.

films always influenced him as a child, and he was so excited someone actually gave him a camera to shoot a movie that he wanted to pay tribute to so many people.

"For me, it's not about how many people go see the film opening weekend; it's about kids 30 years from now renting my movie on a Friday night and getting the shit scared out of them," Roth said.

After "Cabin Fever" Roth went on tour at horror festivals and watched films all day long. He said through experiencing the different filmmakers, he found a new style.

"I went with Asian shock horror for 'Hostel,'" Roth said. "This isn't a ghost in a well stuff, but actually violent Asian cinema."

With a cast of Jay Hernandez ("Friday Night Lights") in the lead role and Czech Republic actors filling in everywhere else, Roth was ready to take his show on the road.

He shot the entire film on location, moving 30 times from the 16th century village Czesky Krumlov to a basement of a closed mental hospital built in 1915.

"It was pretty freaky filming in the hospital late at night,"

The film was released Friday, and topped the weekend box office grossing more than \$20 million.

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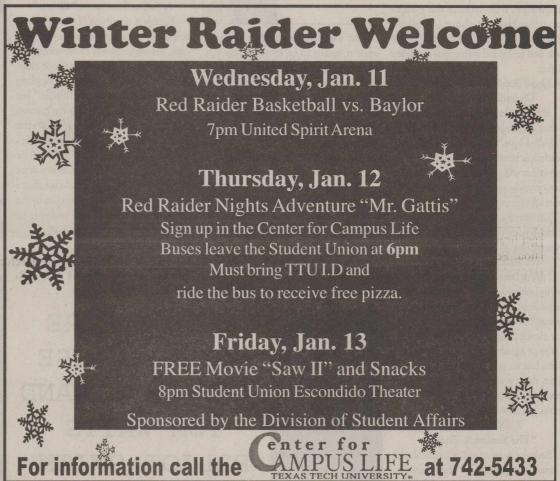
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Swing Dance	Fri., Jan. 13	4 pm	121
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Yogilates	Sat., Jan. 14	2 pm	121
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Jump Rope	Mon., Jan. 16	4:15 pm	114
Mat Pilates	Mon., Jan. 16	6:45 pm	121
Country/West Dance	eTue., Jan. 17	4 pm	121
Flamenco	Tue., Jan. 17	6:45 pm	LLMP
Belly Dance	Tue., Jan. 17	8:30 pm	121

To register for a Specialty Class, just come by the Fitness/ Wellness Center. Be sure to check out recsports.ttu.edu for class times and dates.

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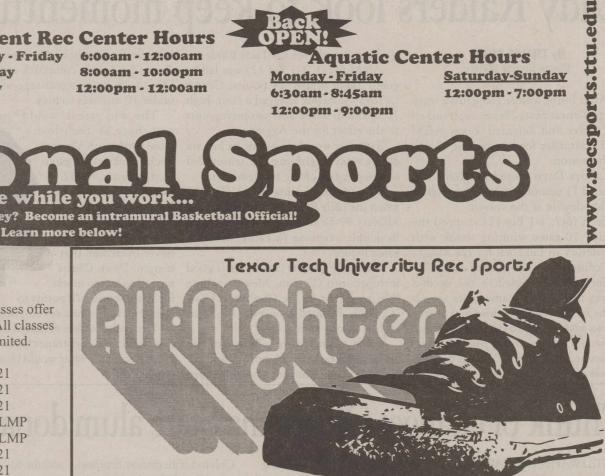
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# **Basketball Officials Meeting Tuesday Night!**

Tuesday, January 17th is your chance to part of one of the biggest events this spring has to offer. Over 3,000 students and 300 teams will compete in a grueling two-month season. Officials are paid \$8 per game. There are also paid clinics scheduled to assist perspective employees. The first clinic will be Tuesday, at 5:00 PM in room 201 of the Student Rec. Center. Officials who worked for us last year will have a separate meeting at 6pm on Tuesday the 17th. If you have any questions regarding employment feel free to call 742-2945.

# **Team Bowling**

What: 4-person team bowling at Brunswick South Plains Bowl (off 69th)

When: Monday, January 23rd; Thursday, January 26th; or Sunday, January 29th. You choose one day for your team to play. Evening times.

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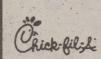
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# Lady Raiders look to keep momentum, get back to winning ways

By TRAVIS CRAM SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

After losing a close game just a week the tables and defeated Texas A&M in the effort for the Aggies. 56-55 Saturday for its first Big 12 win of the season.

grabbed 11 rebounds to tally her eighth double-double of the season.

the victory in Lubbock for the squad's game before. 25th consecutive win against A&M.

throws against Penn State and Stanford, its first of two games. but would not do so this time around.

LaToya Micheaux snagged a team-high ago to Kansas State, Texas Tech turned 10 rebounds while adding seven points

Tech has won four out of its last six close battle with Virginia games since beginning the season 2-5 LaToya Davis scored 22 points and before the end of the fall semester.

The streak of wins began Dec. 15 when the Lady Raiders demolished Oral hit a shot to put the Tech (6-7, 1-1 Big 12) snapped the Roberts 99-58 in Lubbock after losing Lady Raiders within Aggies' 10-game winning streak with in double overtime to Penn State the one point, but would

The Lady Raiders carried their good margin. Dawn Chriss Tech had struggled in the second fortunes into Cancun, Mexico, where proved to be too much halves of previous games this season they took part in the Caribbean Clas- for Tech, scoring 20 points to at the free throw line, missing key free sic. Tech defeated Louisville 68-57 in lead the Hokies to a seven-point win.

Junior Alesha Robertson hit two free Lady Raiders with 24 points and 13 Fresno State for what would be a much-free throws in the last 30 seconds of the throws with five seconds to play, sealing rebounds. The team got a much needed needed win.

a one-point win for the Lady Raiders. lift from Erin Myrick's 16 points to help Davis shot 18 of her 27 points in the A&M (12-3, 1-1 Big 12) was led by slow a Louisville comeback after Tech first half to lead Tech to a 10-point win while Davis was shut down for the maguard Takia Starks' 14 points. Center blew a 26-point advantage with just over the Lady Bulldogs.

> The win streak would end there as Tech lost a Tech in its second game in the classic, 69-62.

under 10 minutes to play.

Senior Erin Grant never overcome that

The Lady Raiders returned home for Davis again led the charge for the their final non-conference game against for the Lady Wildcats and hit four key

Tech led 37-29 at did manage to tie the Lady Bears. game midway through the second half.

kicked-off in Man-

hattan, Kan., as the

Twiggy McIntyre scored 10 points game to edge Tech by two points.

Grant had 12 points in the effort jority of the game.

After sealing their first Big 12 win the half and would over the Aggies this season, the Lady never lose the lead, Raiders will now focus on Sophia Young although Fresno State and the defending national champion

No. 4 Baylor (11-1, 1-1) comes in riding a two-game win streak against the The Big 12 schedule Lady Raiders and already has snagged

one victory in Lubbock this year. The Lady Bears defeated No. 18 Lady Raiders took on Georgia in the State Farm Women's a rebuilding Kansas Tip-Off Classic. Baylor overcame an State team that had 18-point deficit after halftime with a a few things to prove 30-6 run on its way to 47 second half points and an 84-72 win.

The two teams will faceoff at 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

### > travis.cram@ttu.edu

# Chunk of change: Oklahoma State alum donates \$165 million to athletic program

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) - Bilnounced Tuesday he will donate \$165 million to help Oklahoma State create an athletic village north of the football facilities. stadium that already bears his name.

collegiate athletic program — will go toward completing the upgrade of Boone Pickens Stadium and fund changes included in a proposed 20year master plan yet to be approved by university regents.

The plan includes an indoor practo strive for excellence.' tice facility for football, baseball, track and other sports as well as upgraded lion Las Vegas casino owner Ralph Engelfacilities for upgraded facilities for track, stad gave the University of North Dakota tennis and soccer.

With an estimated cost exceeding

The athletic village would be built the entire gift. Pickens' donation — the largest on about 24 blocks of property north of the university is working to acquire.

"This isn't just about football or in university history. basketball or our major sports," athletic director Mike Holder said. "It's about

The amount surpasses the \$100 milin 1998 in terms of the largest gift.

Pickens, who earned a degree in single gift ever given to an NCAA the football and basketball stadiums that geology from Oklahoma State in 1951, Pickens said it wouldn't be the last time

In 2003, the Texas oil tycoon and a bowled in west end zone.

Construction on the south side of the stadium was completed last season,

Only half of the gift from Engelstad, and the \$102 million project is con- \$290 million, including funding of the not identified the money to build out but the project eventually consumed zone and raise the stadium's capacity professorships.

also made the largest previous donation he gave to Oklahoma State. "And this won't be the last gift," he said Tuesday.

"What I keep coming back to is pledged \$70 million to Oklahoma State, we're in the Big 12 and it's a tough every sport, giving every coach here including \$20 million to kick-start a conference. I want us to be competiand every athlete here the opportunity campaign to expand the university's tive," Pickens added. "How it impacts football stadium with new luxury boxes, me? My name's on the stadium. I don't additional seating and amenities for fans know what else they could do. I guess they could put it on each one of the

In total, he's donated more than

lionaire alumnus Boone Pickens an- \$700 million, it also calls for a new a former North Dakota hockey goalie, tinuing with work on the north side. Boone Pickens School of Geology and the athletic side of it and that can be research building, a new classroom was initially intended to build the Pickens' gift will help fund the final of contributions to numerous endowbuilding and updates to other academic hockey arena which bears his name, three phases will bowl in the west end ments for scholarships, fellowships and

> The 77-year-old donated more than At the time of his \$70 million gift, \$30 million to the athletic village project in December. Before that, he split the \$3 million cost of new synthetic turf with a business partner, Sherman Smith.

"It'll impact the whole university," Oklahoma State President David Schmidly said. "It'll make it easier for us to recruit students, it'll help us recruit faculty. Every aspect of the university is going to benefit from this."

had identified much of the money we needed to upgrade our academic facilities, we've identified much of the money our infrastructure facilities, but we had billion.

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the hardest money to get."

Pickens, a Holdenville native, has said he grew up cheering for the University of Oklahoma until Oklahoma A&M, which would eventually change its name to Oklahoma State, beat the Sooners 47-0 in a 1945 football game. After graduating from OSU, he went on to found Mesa Petroleum and eventually build it into a top natural gas and oil company.

He gained fame in the 1980s by attempting takeovers of several major oil companies and is now the "What's so great about this gift is we chairman of BP Capital, an invest-

He was listed in a tie for 207th on Forbes' list of the 400 richest Ameriwe needed to upgrade campus life and cans last year with a net worth of \$1.5

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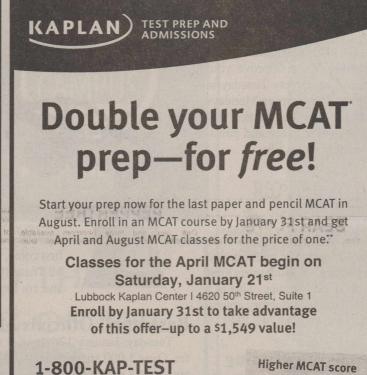
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# Smoltz not likely to pitch in classic What a relief: Sutter named to Hall

Atlanta closer John Smoltz probably won't pitch for the United States in the World Baseball Classic.

"We all have concerns; everybody does," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said Tuesday. "We're not going to be going to do all that we can to be as smart as we can to get our guys in the best possible condition, principally sic," Smoltz pitchers, so they're less likely to have was quoted as an injury problem that would set them back and set us back."

Atlanta starter Jorge Sosa (Dominican Republic) and reliever Constitution. Chris Reitsma (Canada) have agreed to play in the event.

Coming off a foot injury which baseman Chipper Jones has committed to represent the United States. Outfielder Andruw Jones, runner-up in the 2005 MVP voting, plans to play for the Netherlands.

The 38-year-old Smoltz, who has had four operations on his right elbow, pitched through right shoulder

ATLANTA (AP) — Wary of pain in the Braves' first-round playoff ing some who want to play." pushing his arm too hard this spring, loss to Houston. He says he has no preparation in the spring.

"I'm pretty confident, about 100 percent, that I'm playing in the World Classaying in Tuesday's editions of The Atlanta Journal-

Smoltz could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

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"It's really tough for him," shortened his 2005 season, third said Andruw Jones, who has been and physical capability. Ultimately, working out with Smoltz three times a week. "You're going to try to do a lot and you might injure yourself. It's more tough on pitchers than it is on position players. I know Major League Baseball is having a difficult time with all these superstar pitchers we have in the United States, find-

Schuerholz said he has not tried pain now but doesn't want to rush his to discourage players from participating.

> "We committed to baseball as an organization that we will support this," Schuerholz said. "No team has any differ-

ent right than another team. If our players are asked to perform, we're going to support them. ... "Obviously players

have to be the ultimate judge as to their well-being they're going to be the ones that have to make the decision about what's right for them and their careers."

After four successful seasons as Atlanta's closer, Smoltz returned to the rotation last year and was 14-7 with a 3.06 ERA

short a dozen times, Bruce Sutter was

relieved. He became only the fourth reliever

given baseball's highest honor, gaining election to the Hall of Fame on Tuesday. "When the phone call came and the

caller ID said 'New York,' I thought, oh, maybe this is it," he said. And when he found out he had made it, Sutter flashed a signal, giving a "thumbs-up" to his wife, sons and daugh-

"They started screaming," he recalled, "and, actually, I started crying."

ters-in-law.

Becoming the first pitcher elected to the Hall of Fame with no career starts, the split-finger pioneer was listed on 76.9 percent of the ballots, collecting 400 of a record 520 votes cast by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America who have been in the organization for 10 consecutive years or more.

"It was a call that you always hope for, but you never really expect it to happen," Sutter said. "I didn't think it would affect me or hit me as hard as it did."

Players needed 390 votes (75 percent)



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NEW YORK (AP) — After falling to gain election. Boston Red Sox slugger eligibility. Stricken from the ballot after Iim Rice fell 53 short, finishing second going on the banned list for betting on with 337 votes (64.8 percent), one ahead of reliever Goose Gossage.

Sutter was the first player elected on ballots (3.5 percent) over 15 years. the 13th try or later since Ralph Kiner in 1975. Rice was appearing for the 12th time and has three years remaining on the writers' ballot. Gossage was on the ballot (1992) and Dennis Eckersley (2004). for the seventh time.

It might be difficult for Rice and should be in. Gossage to gain votes next year, when Cal Ripken Jr., Tony Gwynn and Mark McGwire appear on the ballot for the pitchers," he said. "We can't compete 10 players.

year if I didn't get in this year," Sutter said. we're all pretty equal. ... Without us, it's "I didn't need to be around the phone, I tough to win." can tell you that."

Lee Smith (234), Jack Morris (214),

hits leader, received 10 write-in votes in when his career was cut short by a torn what would have been his final year of rotator cuff — now he's 19th in saves.

Cincinnati while managing the team, Rose was written in on 249 of 7,207

The other players in the Hall who primarily were relievers are Hoyt Wilhelm (elected in 1985), Rollie Fingers

Sutter said Gossage and Smith also

"I just think sometimes that the voters try to compare us with the starting first time. Each voter may select up to with their statistics, their innings or their strikeouts. I think if you compare "I was planning a hunting trip next us against each other, I think you'll see

Sutter was a six-time All-Star and Andre Dawson was fourth with 317 the 1979 NL Cy Young Award winner, votes, followed by Bert Blyleven (277), compiling 300 saves during a 12-season major league career with the Chicago Tommy John (154) and Steve Garvey Cubs, St. Louis and Atlanta that ended in 1988. He had a 68-71 record with a Pete Rose, baseball's banned career 2.83 ERA and was third on the saves list

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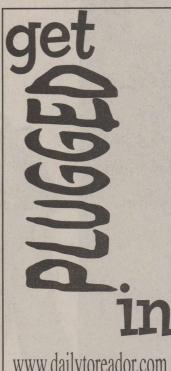
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# Raiders still looking for rhythm

By MATT MUENCH SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

inconsistency problems this sea- game. "They have a lot of infor- the conference, Knight's worst son, Texas Tech forward Martin mation on us. Zeno is not about to count the They are going Red Raiders out of the postseason to be happy to yet. He has more reasons than he be out there." can count on his hands — 15 to be exact.

"We still have a lot of games agrees. left to play," the sophomore said. "We have 15 more, and I feel like a lot of film on we can still turned it around. I have been disappointed with what have any on from where we want to be."

son problems begins at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena with freshman. They have six on cially the younger guys are figuring game for the Bears because it will ers from last season. be the team's season opener. The of NCAA sanctions committed are not too nervous. by Baylor's former coaching staff under Dave Bliss.

306 days while the Raiders (8-7 "We made it through as a team, the Raiders maintain a pace to overall, 0-1 Big 12) have played and still like each other. Hopefully end up in the NCAA Tournamore games than any team in the we wont have first game jitters. ment? conference.

the Raiders have an advantage might get hit by an errant pass." over the Bears.

It's visa-versa for him.

don't know anything about them," fore losing to the Aggies in both Although the Red Raider men's said Zeno, who is second on the team's conference openers. basketball team has struggled with team in scoring with 16 points per

Tech center Darryl Dora

"They have us. We don't

we have done. But we are not far them," he said. "All we know a tough loss," Dora said. "But we about is their returning players. still gained a lot of confidence Tech's quest to fix its midsea- They are undefeated right now." from the loss. We caught a lot of

against Baylor. It will be a special the squad who returns all its start- out what we need to do.'

program was not allowed to play during his weekly Big 12 telecon- stay on top when they are leading non-conference games because ference that he hopes his players an opponent.

can accomplish in practice. We finish.' Baylor hasn't played a game in accomplished all that," Drew said. Those front-row Texas Tech fans But don't expect Zeno to say better keep their hands up. They

The Raiders enter the game

reeling after blowing a nine-point "They have the advantage. We halftime lead at Texas A&M be-

Their defense ranks 11th in

GAME TONIGHT

BAYLOR BEARS (0-0)

during his five years at Tech, and the offense has only two Texas Tech Red Raiders (8-7) players averaging more than seven points 7 P.M., UNITED SPIRIT ARENA per game (Zeno and Jarrius Jackson).

"That was Like Tech, the Bears are loaded our mistakes on film and we, espe-

One reason for Tech's losses, Baylor coach Scott Drew said he said, is the Raiders' failure to

"We just have to keep the "There is only so much you pace," he said. "From start to

.The gun has sounded. Can

"I hope so," Zeno said. "Every game is crucial."

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# Guards Coffman, Martin leave team

By MATT MUENCH SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

the holiday break after junior Drew Coffman and freshman Terry Martin left the squad. Coffman quit after Tech's loss to Arkansas Dec. 21, and Martin turned his jersey in just before the Red Raiders' A&M. He was not on the bench during nice to me. the loss at College Station.

were "mutual agreements."

After the loss to the Aggies, Knight spoke about Martin's departure.

"We agreed that this is not the right the field. program for him," Knight said. "We wish

nim the best wherever he goes." Martin, the Louisiana product, played more than 10 minutes in a game three times out of 15 games this season.

According to Tuesday's Monroe News Star, Martin's hometown paper, he said

he wanted to be closer to his parents. "I didn't feel like I fit in the system were not returned. like I should at the college level," he said. "I wanted to get closer to home. my parents."

He said he might transfer to Univergame against Furman Nov. 23 when he

played, or LSU.

"Right now, it's not about being at a Texas Tech lost two guards during big school," Martin said. "It's about being at a school close to home, doing what I do and playing how I play."

> He said Knight, players nor coaches at Tech were the reason he left.

"Coach Knight didn't talk to me bad conference opener last week at Texas or anything," Martin said. "He was real

The Louisiana native was expected Tech coach Bob Knight said in a to be a top player in Knight's program for statement both of the players' departures four years. He started eight games this on how much more effective you think year, but struggled numerous times.

In his last four games, Martin had 18 turnovers and shot 8-for-32 from

Randy Farley said he is unsure of the exact reason why Coffman left, but said Knight offered to keep him on scholarship until he graduated if he wanted to stay in Lubbock.

Coffman came to Tech three years I didn't like being 10 hours away from his first two seasons. He started four games this season and had a breakout

sity of Louisiana-Monroe, where his dad scored 22 points. But the Midland product has played more than 10 minutes in a game three times since.

Tech also lost a recruit from next year's class after Rockwall high forward Michael Godwin requested a release from the National Letter of Intent he signed last summer after the Tech coaching staff felt he could not develop into a Big 12 Conference basketball

Knight sent him a letter last week. "Your decision will have to be based you can be than you have shown thus far in the high school season," the letter stated. "If you feel you are playing at your best, I simply think it would be a mistake Tech men's basketball spokesman for you to come to Tech. However, the final decision is up to you and your folks and we will go along with whatever you

According to the release, Tech coaches were not impressed with how Farley said he is unsure what Coff- Godwin had been playing this year. He man will do. Phone calls to Coffman was the fifth-highest scorer on the team, averaging five points per game.

Following the Godwin decision, ago and received minimal playing time Tech only has two recruits in next year's class.

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### SIDETRACK: POLE VAULT

This is first in an on-going series of stories on the lesser-known track and field events.

The pole vault is one of the oldest track and field events performed at Texas Tech. It started in 1934 when Coleman Cowen led the team with a jump of 12-2 1/2.

The pole vault is an event where othletes try to clear the highest possible crossbar using a vaulting pole. The basic concept is to convert horizontal energy from sprinting down a track into vertical energy by vaulting over the bar.

on many different factors including the 18-1 in 1989. height of the bar and the height of the

Tech has had six All-Americans in men's pole vault: Seth Harris, Bobby Most, Sage

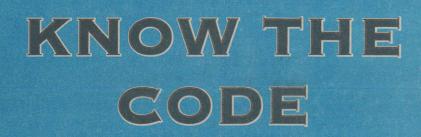
Thames, Tim James and Brit Pursely twice. Most holds two of the top five jumps in UTEP Invitational in 2005. school history including a jump of 18-1/2 at last year's Big 12 Championship. Thames is place as part of the Wes Kittley All Corners tied with Most for second on the all-time event Saturday in Lubbock. list reaching the 18-1/2 height at the 2004

The length of the pole and the distance NCAA Championships. Brit Pursely from which the athlete runs are dependant holds the school record with a jump of

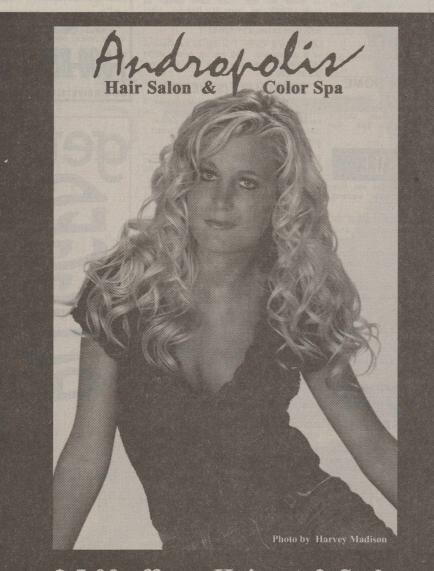
> Women's pole vault did not begin at Tech until 1999. This year's squad is led by Kelly Schulz who holds four of the top five jumps in school history, including a school record jump of 13-5 1/4 at the

The next pole vault event will take

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